

103. (New) The computer system of claim 100 wherein when the synchronization access mode is set to synchronized, access to the location within the buffer is permitted regardless of whether location is empty or full.

104. (New) The computer system of claim 100 wherein when the synchronization access mode is set to synchronized, read access to the location within the buffer is permitted only when the location is full.

105. (New) The computer system of claim 100 wherein when the synchronization access mode is set to synchronized, write access to the location within the buffer is permitted only when the location is empty.

106. (New) The computer system of claim 100 wherein the behavior of the accessing means is modified without modifying the accessing means.

REMARKS

Claims 38-42 and 57-106 are pending. Applicants have added claims 57-106 and canceled claims 1-37 and 43-56.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of this Preliminary Amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or matters that can be expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (206) 583-8548.

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